



Riegel Ridge Community Center
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COUNSELOR IN TRAINING APPLICATION

Dear Counselor in Training Applicant,

At the Riegel Ridge Summer Camp we take our Counselor in Training program very seriously. If you are going into 9th grade this fall, we will train you and give you the tools you need to become a great counselor. You will be the one who determines what to do with these tools. Whether you have been a camper before or this is your first experience with us we believe that those who train with our CIT program will one day be an exemplary camp counselor. Several CIT's will be accepted into this program but only the very best will be hired as counselors one day. Everything you do; from how you fill out your application and interview to how you behave and interact with fellow CIT'S, staff, parents, and campers is always being reviewed.

Please understand that if you are accepted into the CIT program you are no longer a camper or merely a "volunteer." You will possess responsibilities regarding children's activities, safety, and enjoyment at our camp. This means that from the moment you accept this position you will always need to be a positive role model at camp, at the Riegel Ridge and in public (including social media websites i.e. Facebook). When you become a CIT you are now a representative of the Riegel Ridge Summer Camp and Holland Township. Children of all ages that meet you at camp will look up to you on and off the job.

At camp you will work with fellow CIT'S as well as counselors on planning and implementing activities for camp groups. Your CIT Leadership staff will guide you through all facets of your CIT experience. You will have the chance to work with different groups every week as well as be assigned to one specific group. As stated above we have very high expectations for our CIT'S. Please be sure that you are mature enough to be a CIT and have the aspiration to succeed in working with children. In addition, taking part in our CIT program does not guarantee future employment at Riegel Ridge Summer Camp.

Sincerely,

Amy Kucharski

Amy Kucharski
Summer Camp Supervisor

Jessica Neglia

Jessica Neglia
Holland Township Parks & Recreation Director

Katie Murawski

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Assistant Camp Supervisor

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Applicant Information

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Will you be using this experience for community service hours? Yes No

Reason: _____

Getting To Know You

Why have you chosen to apply for the CIT Program? _____

What do you think a parent of a camper will expect from you as a CIT and how will you meet these expectations? _____

What do you think your Junior/Head Counselors and Supervisors will expect from you? _____

We have a limited number of spots available in our program. Why are you the best candidate for the position? _____

Please list any clubs, groups, organizations, jobs, sports or activities that you have participated in:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

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In the above listed groups/activities did you play a leadership role in any of these positions? Please list and describe each.

Have you participated in our Camp or had any other camp experiences? What did you enjoy the most?

What hobbies do you enjoy? _____

Is there any other information you would like to add to aid us in making our decision?

Our CITs need to commit to 3 weeks of Summer Camp. Please circle which 3 weeks you would like to be a CIT. Please note: Your weeks **do not** need to be consecutive weeks.

Week 1 - June 19 - June 23

Week 4 - July 10 - July 14

Week 7 - July 31 - Aug. 4

Week 2 - June 26 - July 30

Week 5 - July 17 - July 21

Week 8 - Aug. 7 - Aug. 11

Week 3 - July 3 - July 7

Week 6 - July 24 - July 28

_____ **Do Not Write Below This Line** _____

Interview Date: _____ Interviewed By: _____

Comments:

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Survey: Please take a minute to read the questions below answer with a mental yes or no. Please be honest with yourself; this survey is designed for you to determine if being a CIT is **appropriate for you**.

- Am I charismatic?
- Can I engage a group of kids in an enriching activity?
- Do I feel comfortable speaking in front of a large group of people?
- Am I articulate?
- Can I smile even on my worst days?
- Do I love being outside?
- Am I willing to learn new things and accept different perspectives?
- Do I care about other people?
- Am I self-motivated?
- Do I have enough self-discipline to do the right thing all the time?
- Do I want to make a positive impact on a child's life?
- Will I be able to model all the practices and lifestyles I teach to my campers?
- Can I take positive and negative feedback?
- Will I willingly rise above my expectations as a CIT?
- Will my personal background be an asset to the camp community?
- Am I concerned about the general safety and well-being of others?
- Will I be able to work as a team player with a group of other counselors?
- Can I work well without continual direct supervision?
- Is the quality, spirit and enthusiasm of the game more important than winning?
- Can I be a great leader?
- Can I make our day camp team better than when I found it?
- Can I adapt to changes easily and appropriately?
- Do I recognize the positive and or negative results of the choices I make?
- Can I adapt to adverse situations?
- Do I have boundless energy?

I have read and answered the questions above and feel that my participation as a CIT at camp will enhance the program for campers, staff and fellow CIT's.

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____